





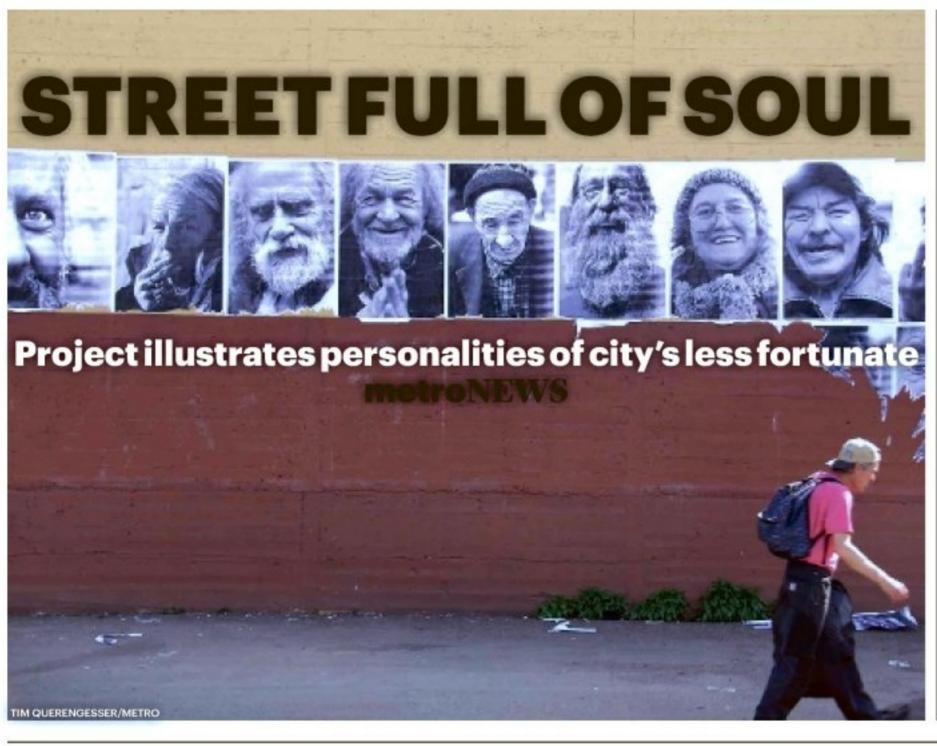
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# City budges ontemporary cyclingtracks

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# Advocates calling for lanes this summer



Ryan Tumilty Metro Edmonton

The city is quickly responding to criticism by entertaining the idea of building temporary cycle tracks through downtown, but future LRT construction could still delay their arrival.

Metro first reported last week that the permanent, segregated bike lanes slotted for 102 Avenue, approved back in 2014, could take until 2017 or 2018 to be completed west of 111 Street — and potentially years after that for the section through downtown.

City staff said last week they weren't considering temporary lanes as a stop-gap, but Daniel

Vriend, the city's general supervisor of urban transportation, said that's changed.

"We have heard from some of the community that they're interested in pursuing that," he said.

The original plan was for the permanent lanes to be built downtown in conjunction with LRT construction, which could have put installation into 2020 or even beyond. Vriend said if the LRT construction is happening earlier than that, "that may affect our decisions."

Conrad Nobert, with the group Paths for People, said even with the LRT question up in the air, there is no reason a temporary path can't be put in place right away. "We're going to be pushing for a solution for this summer," Nobert said.

Vriend said a temporary installation of lanes through downtown would be a fairly significant project and the city would still have to research signal changes and the effect on bus stops.

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# THINGS WE COULD BUY WITH THE NEW TRANSIT CASH

Ottawa's boost to transit funding over the next three years, announced in the spring budget, means \$140 million for Edmonton; provincial and city cash could double that. The windfall won't build a new LRT line, but could help design one, plus fund other priorities. Council is looking at this wishlist:





# **fixing the old**

Just last week, Coun. Tony Caterina lamented that the city wasn't maintaining the transit infrastructure it already has. City staff believe this new funding could complete design work for major renovations of the Stadium and Coliseum transit stations with the goal of sprucing those facilities up in the future. Cost: \$2 million



Transit Yard substation

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An electrical transformer is at the top of the list because the old one is starting to fail. For many that's meant slow starts to the morning commute. If the transformer were to fail completely, it could mean months of delayed LRT service. **Cost: \$5 million** 



## More buses

The city would like to ease overcrowding and provide more service on rush-hour bus routes, but doesn't have enough buses to do that. The city is proposing to buy 79 new buses in 2017 and 2018, with 34 to be purposed for more frequent service, 13 allocated to reduce travel times and 28 to expand service hours. Council will have to consider if they want to pay the ongoing costs for more drivers and more maintenance. Cost: \$47 million



# LRT design

The city has completed preliminary design work on the western section of the Valley Line, the extension of the Metro Line to the north and the extension from Century Park to Ellerslie in the south. But a lot more designing needs to be completed before the projects would be ready to tender. **Cost: \$32.7 million** 



## More trains

The city wishlist includes buying 21 more LRT cars, allowing the service to run more five-car trains. It would take at least three years to get the 21 new cars to expand the fleet, but could help with overcrowding on some trains. This would also require an expanded storage garage.

Cost: \$116 million

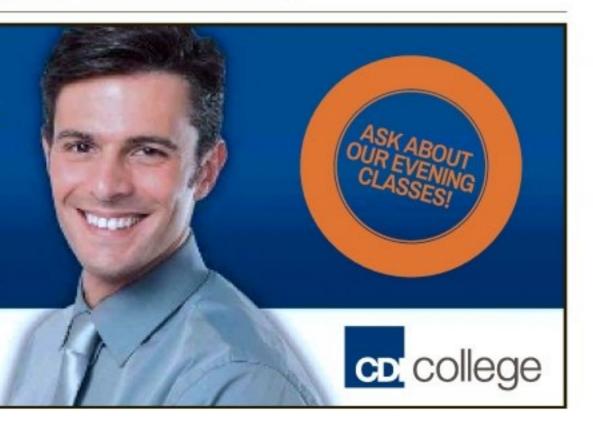


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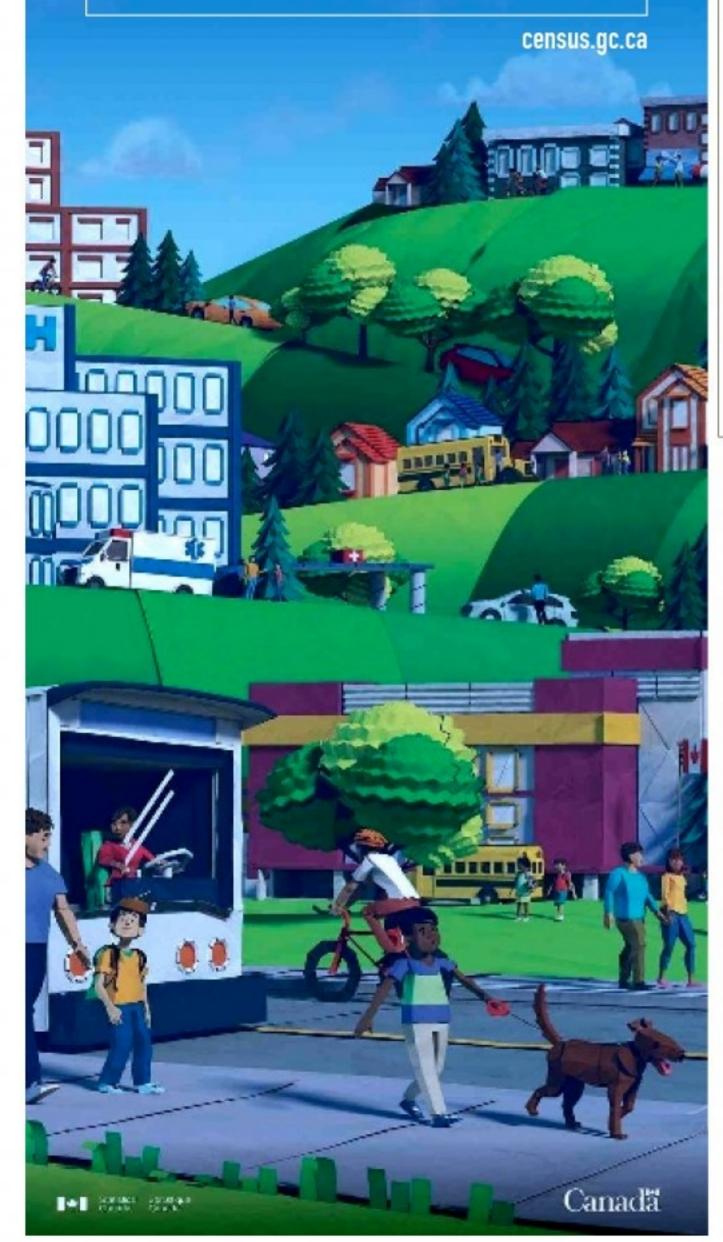
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# Who pays for what

# **Mayors** joust over regional infrastructure



Ryan Tumilty Metro Edmonton

Leduc County Mayor John Whaley is calling for context when it comes to the debate over who should pay for what in the region.

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson made a push for more regional revenue sharing during his state of the city speech last week, specifically citing the 41st Avenue interchange project on the county's border. Edmonton contributed \$75 million to the \$205-million project, with the rest coming



Mayor Don Iveson called for a new revenue-sharing model for regional projects during his state of the city speech. METRO FILE

from the provincial and federal governments.

But Whaley said while the county didn't make a major contribution to the construction of the interchange, it has invested in regional roads.

"It's not a case that we are not spending anything, but we don't take in the tax dollars that Edmonton does," he said.

He said Leduc County also pro-

vided some funds for the early design and engineering work, but when construction came the request was simply too high.

"We were asked for \$10 million right there and then, and we said we don't have \$10 million."

Iveson said he wasn't trying to single out Leduc but was instead underlining that the old way of building regional infrastructure doesn't work.

# Van strikes, drags man at bus stop

Edmonton police are investigating after a van hit and dragged a pedestrian sitting on bus-stop bench over the weekend.

Officers were called to 127th Street and 133A Avenue at about 4:45 p.m. Saturday and found the

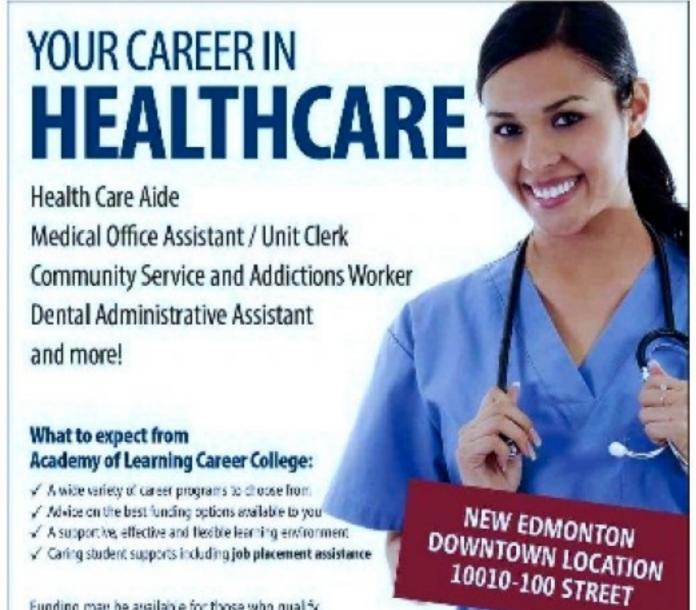
46-year-old victim.

He was treated and transported to hospital, where he remained Monday in serious condition with "debilitating injuries," according to a police release.

Police said a 40-year-old man

was behind the wheel of the Pontiac Montana.

Although no charges have been laid yet, investigators believe alcohol and drugs may have been a factor in the collision.



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# Group calls for LRT halt LGBTQ advocates

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** 

# Advocate calls for Bus Rapid Transit to preserve bridge



Kevin Maimann Metro Edmonton

A group that hopes to stop the Valley Line LRT in its tracks is pushing for Bus Rapid Transit in Edmonton.

Two members of the Save Edmonton's Downtown Footbridge group were arrested Saturday while protesting at construction sites near the Cloverdale footbridge.

"It would be such a mistake for the city to forge ahead with the LRT at this point," said group member Kristine Kowalchuk.

"This is a perfect time for us to get our public transportation system right."

Kowalchuk argues BRT would be more cost-effective and eliminate the need for a



Save Edmonton's Downtown Footbridge is protesting construction work on the Valley Line LRT that would see the Cloverdale footbridge torn down, KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO

bridge to cross the river, calling the LRT "clunky, expensive, infrastructure-heavy, outdated planning."

Protesters disrupted work at two of four construction sites in the area Friday night and early Saturday morning

before police arrived.

Dean Heuman, spokesperson with TransEd - the consortium that's building the LRT corridor - urged protesters to stay on the paths, citing safety concerns.

"Obviously when you're

operating chainsaws and machinery, having people run up behind you is not ideal from a safety perspective, for the protesters and for the staff themselves," he said.

"Our biggest concern is our safety. But at the same time,

## The route has been determined and it's time for us to move forward.

Dean Heuman

this is a major capital project and it has to be completed on time and on budget. The route has been determined and it's time for us to continue to move forward."

Heuman said he understands construction is an "ugly time," but TransEd is being carefully monitored by environmental officials and the company has a plan to restore the area.

The developer will also put a new pedestrian bridge in place underneath the LRT overpass.

"It will be beautified and it will be taken care of. We just need people's patience," Heuman said.

Mayor Don Iveson has argued in the past that BRT would carry higher operational costs and an LRT driver can take 10 times more people per trip than a bus driver.

honoured

The developer of Pride Tape and the NoHomophobes website was honoured with a Community Connections Award for its commitment to Edmonton's LGBTQ community Monday.

Calder Bateman Communications snagged the UAlberta Advocate Award from the University of Alberta during an afternoon ceremony at city hall. The company worked with the U of A's Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services on the Pride Tape initiative, developing rainbow striped hockey tape to show support for the LGBTQ community.

The U of A's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Advocacy Committee was also honoured Monday, taking home the Community Leader Award. The committee formed as a support group for faculty of medicine and dentistry students struggling with issues related to their sexual orientation or gender.

Catherine Chan and Rhonda Bell, professors of human nutrition in the faculty of agricultural, life and environmental sciences. won the Community Scholar Award for their Pure Prairie Eating Plan. KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO



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# Portraits showcased on city streets



An Edmonton photographer is showcasing the people of the inner city in the very streets they frequent.

For the last few years, Jerry Cordeiro has been documenting Edmontonians from all walks of life on his blog, the Humans of Edmonton Experience. Cordeiro shoots a portrait of people he meets and includes a short interview.

Building on that, he's partnered with a global initiative called the Inside Out project that takes portraits all over the world and prints them so they can be displayed outside.

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He's placed his first group
of images at a central place for
Edmonton's downtown downand-out — the Quasar Bottle
Depot on 95 Street.

"It gives an awareness to what is going on and the increased amount of homelessness," said Cordeiro.

Cordeiro put up a wall of images this weekend and said there are more to come.

"I have about 100 more and I am going to be scattering them throughout the city," he said.

Cordeiro said it's been interesting to see the reaction of some of the people he has photographed when their picture appears on one of the enlarged prints.

"Some of them tore it down and they actually took their portrait home," he said.

He said both the blog and the portrait project are a chance to show that there is more to the homeless than most people see.

"Most of them have never had their picture taken and had that opportunity to tell their story," he said.



People are jockeying to be top of the pecking order in the Urban Hens Pilot Project. CONTRIBUTED

# Backyard hens a hit

**URBAN FARMING** 

# Residents compete for a chance to set up coops



Kevin Maimann Metro Edmonton

Feathers are flying in the dash for backyard chickens.

Residents lined up early last Thursday outside the permits and licensing service centre to apply for 32 spots the city has approved for backyard chickens this year under its Urban Hens Pilot Project.

The city received 40 applications on opening day and they continue to trickle in.

"I don't know that I expected people would be lining up outside at seven in the morning. It surprised me and made me a little scared that I waited so long," said Roberta Laurie, who showed up at 8 a.m.

"There are a few people who really are eager to have the back-

yard chickens."

Laurie eventually hopes to move out of the city and be self sufficient, so chickens are part of an educational process that will help her get to that point.

"I like the idea of having a sustainable lifestyle, as well as having control over the lifestyles of the animals that help me support myself," she said.

"I really think that it's a progressive step that the city is taking towards food sustainability, because this is something that is on many people's minds these days."

The city approved its first 18 backyard chicken coops last year, with a minimum of three per coop and a maximum of eight.

The application process has many steps, including taking a course on backyard chickens and building a proper coop. Applications are accepted on a firstcome, first-serve basis, and those who missed the cut are placed on a waiting list.

Keith Scott, the city's co-ordinator for animal control, said he encourages residents to keep applying through the city website to get on the list.

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## **WILDFIRE IN NORTHERN ALBERTA**

# Fire crews continue battle with out-of-control blaze

An out-of-control wildfire near Fort McMurray in northern Alberta has shifted away from homes as aircraft and ground crews work to contain the flames.

Officials say the fire is burning more to the south and away from a trailer park and a residential neighbourhood that are under an evacuation order.

Melissa Blake, mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, says the wildfire could shift if the wind changes. She says about 500 people are out of their homes as a precaution. THE CANADIAN PRESS metr@NEWS Edmonton Tuesday, May 3, 2016



A water bomber aircraft prepares to drop fire retardant southwest of the Gregoire subdivision near the southern boundary of Fort McMurray on Monday, GREG HALINDA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Major fire season expected

# Every year an area half the size of Nova Scotia burns



Alex Boyd Metro Edmonton

As a wildfire continues to burn at the edges of Fort McMurray, experts say we're off to a "quick start" to Alberta's fire season and that there's potential for the trend to continue.

"If we get some more (fire) starts, and at this time of year they're all human-caused starts, we could be in for a very challenging time," Mike Flannigan, a professor and director of the Western Partnership for Wildland Fire, that studies fire in Alberta, said.

Fire season has also come early this year, Flannigan said.

"Our fire seasons on average are starting earlier than they used to do, and there is published research to that effect," he said.

Four years ago, the official start to Alberta's fire season was pushed back a month to March 1, in response to recommenda-

# COMPARISON

- · Number of fires since April 1: 296
- Number of fires in the same time last year:
- Area burned this year: 1,620 ha
- Area burned in the same time last year: 628 ha

tions from the Slave Lake fires. According to numbers from

the province, which starts tracking fires beginning April 1, there have been 296 wildfires this year, which isn't a huge increase over last year's 279.

But this year's blazes have taken out 1,620 hectares so far, an increase over last years 628.

Flannigan calculates the average amount of land reduced to ash by wildfire in Alberta annually has doubled since the 1970s.

"Every year (an area) half the size of Nova Scotia burns, so it's a good chunk of real estate."

It's a change he attributes to

climate change, and while he points to unusual factors like El Nino fanning the flames this year, he said the general trend seems to be towards more serious fire seasons.

# IN BRIEF

#### School board spent \$361K to fight transgender teacher

A left-leaning political group has gained access to documents that show the St. Albert Catholic School Board has spent more than \$361,000 fighting a human rights complaint filed by a transgender teacher.

Progress Alberta released

documents it obtained in the case Monday which show that the board has spent \$361,188 of public money on the legal case, which stems from the board's decision in 2008 to remove teacher Jan Buterman from its substitute teacher list after he transitioned from woman to man. METRO

# Political right may fracture yet again

Alberta's two conservative political leaders are not impressed by a convention that voted to look at forming a third rightcentre party.

Brian Jean, leader of the Opposition Wildrose, says another party would only further fracture the movement.

"We want to see the conservative family come back, and we think the only reasonable option to form government in the next election is obviously the Wildrose party," Jean said Monday.

Ric McIver, interim leader for the Progressive Conservatives, said he wants more information about the weekend vote in Red Deer by about 400 right-centre supporters at an event titled "Alberta Can't Wait."

They want to form an unincorporated corporation to provide a "united alternative" to NDP Premier Rachel Notley.

McIver agreed that on first glance the math doesn't add up.

"If I was going to unite the right, I'm not sure I would be doing it by creating more parties on the right," he said.

Various parties have been urging for some kind of reconciliation between the Wildrose and the PCs following last May's election, in which the NDP won a majority government for the first time in Alberta history.

The linchpin to the victory was an historic breakthrough in Calgary where the party won

15 seats, but in 14 of those constituencies the combined totals of the Wildrose and PC candidates outpolled the NDP. That sparked speculation that consolidation on the right could reap political gain.

Some conservative commentators have said a united right is the only way to stop what they term economy-killing NDP initiatives that included higher taxes, a higher minimum wage and a carbon tax. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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INVICTUS GAMES

# A royal launch

Prince Harry launched the official countdown to the 2017 Invictus Games on Monday, promising that the Toronto edition of the Olympic-style sporting event honouring wounded, injured and sick troops would be its biggest yet.

About 600 participants from 16 nations are expected to compete in the event, which is the 31-year-old royal's brainchild.

"This city will become the focal point for hundreds of men and women who use the pull of Invictus glory to motivate their recovery from physical and mental injuries," Harry told a gathering of servicemen at Toronto's Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

"And Toronto will take on responsibility for a competition that has the power to inspire millions of people around the world and to remind us all of the amazing contribution that our servicemen, women and veterans make."

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Justin Trudeau greets Prince Harry in Toronto on Monday to promote the 2017 Invictus Games.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



### **IN BRIEF**

#### Charge dropped against Trailer Park Boys actor

A misdemeanour domestic battery charge has been dropped against Trailer Park Boys actor Mike Smith a month after his arrest in Los Angeles.

Smith, who plays the

character Bubbles on the cult comedy, was arrested on April 1 after an incident at a Hollywood hotel involving a woman. He was released on bail hours later, after being booked on suspicion of misdemeanour domestic battery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# PQ leader pulls the plug on politics as kids win out

Pierre Karl Peladeau, chosen by Quebec sovereigntists last year to lead them to independence, stunned the Canadian political class Monday by quitting — a move that leaves the Parti Quebecois looking for yet another leader.

Peladeau, 54, who was elected PQ leader last May 15, fought back tears as he told a news conference he had chosen his family over politics.

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# Feds quietly pay \$75M settlement

LAC-MEGANTIC

# Move may have been made to avoid lawsuits in train tragedy

The federal government quietly spent \$75 million to settle with victims and creditors affected by the Lac-Megantic rail disaster — a contribution that also shielded it from lawsuits related to the deadly crash.

Former transport minister Lisa Raitt said the deal, which involved 24 other defendants who settled, was under negotiation before her Conservatives lost the October election to the Liberals.

The Liberals have refused to reveal how much the government gave to the \$460-million settlement fund, even though at least two parties accused of wrongdoing in the deadly Quebec derailment disclosed their contributions.

But in a recent interview Raitt said the amount was public.

She said it was included in Transport Canada's supplementary estimates as well as in its quarterly financial report under "out-of-court settlement." The amount listed is \$75 million.

Last week, Transport Minister Marc Garneau said the figure was "classified" when asked how much taxpayer money the government set aside for the settlement. Garneau also reiterated Ottawa's denial — under both the Liberals and the Tories — that it had any legal responsibility for the 2013 oil-train accident that killed 47 people and levelled part of Lac-Megantic.

"We don't acknowledge that we had any responsibility; however, we did want to make a contribution because of the impact of this terrible tragedy in Lac-Megantic," Garneau said last week.

Raitt agreed that the government's main goal behind the settlement was to speed up the process.

"The motivation was simple: this was an opportunity to get money to the victims for wrongful death in a shorter period of time through the U.S. bankruptcy proceedings as opposed to a long, drawn-out, litigious court case," Raitt said in a recent interview.

The government's decision to settle may have also been made to avoid the cost of fighting the allegations in court. It would have faced numerous lawsuits related to the derailment on both sides of the border, said the U.S.-based bankruptcy trustee for the company at the centre of the crash — Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway.

Robert Keach has also said that, contractually speaking, the arrangement explicitly stated the settling parties were not acknowledging any liability with their contributions.

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We don't acknowledge that we had any responsibility; however, we did want to make a contribution. Marc Garneau



POLITICS DUFFY RESUMES SENATORIAL DUTIES ON PAR-LIAMENT HILL Sen. Mike Duffy is back on Parliament Hill after keeping a low profile during his long-running legal odyssey. His return comes less than two weeks after he was acquitted of 31 charges. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Cruz on the precipice Finnish media

# Indiana 'make or break' for Trump's No. 1 competition

Ted Cruz's conservative crusade for the presidency fought for new life Monday ahead of an Indiana vote that could effectively end the GOP's primary season. The fiery Texas senator hinted at an exit strategy, even as he vowed to compete to the end against surging Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

"I am in for the distance as long as we have a viable path to victory," Cruz told reporters after campaigning at a popular breakfast stop.

With his supporters fearing Cruz could lose a seventh consecutive state Tuesday, the candidate's formulation hinted at a time when he may give up.

Like Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Cruz is already mathematically eliminated from reaching a delegate majority before the Republican Party's national convention in July. He retreated to Indiana



Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz, right, exchanges words with Donald Trump supporters during a visit to Marion, Ind., on Monday. JEFF MOREHEAD/CHRONICLE-TRIBUNE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

more than a week ago, hoping a win could at least help him deny Trump an outright primary victory and lead to a contested convention.

But a recent poll of likely Indiana voters showed Trump holding a commanding lead.

Millions of **Americans are** 

praying for this state. Ted Cruz

At a stop in Monday in Marion, Ind., Trump supporters confronted Cruz.

"Lyin' Ted!" yelled one, using Trump's pet name for his rival.

"What do you like about him?" Cruz asked the man. "Name one thing."

"Everything," the protester replied.

After six straight victories across the Northeast late last month, math and momentum are on Trump's side. The anti-Trump movement's only hope is to deny the billionaire businessman a 1,237-delegate majority by defeating him in Indiana and the handful of contests remaining over the next month. Then, Cruz or another candidate would have to beat him when delegates gather in Cleveland in July.

"Millions of Americans are praying for this state," Cruz said. "The entire country is depending on the state of Indiana to pull us back from this cliff."

Trump's team sensed an Indiana knockout.

"Indiana is Ted Cruz's firewall. It's where he says that it's make-or-break for him," Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski said.

Trump, for his part, held a pair of rallies in the state Monday.

"Indiana is very important, because if I win that's the end of it," Trump said at an unscheduled stop at Shapiro's Delicatessen in Indianapolis.

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# media refuses tax brass

Finnish broadcaster YLE says it won't provide documents related to the Panama Papers to the country's tax authority, which has demanded access to them in an apparent move to trace tax dodgers with offshore accounts.

YLE lawyer Kirsi-Marja Okkonen says they won't comply with the request from the Finnish Tax Authority, which set an April 29 deadline for receiving the information. She said Monday that tax officials had also threatened to call on police to help them obtain the documents.

Okkonen said Monday that YLE will appeal to the Helsinki Administrative Court. It has until mid-July to do so.

The tax office move has been widely criticized in the Nordic country, which hosts World Press Freedom day this week with more than 1,000 media professionals expected to attend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Journalists condemn 'raid'

Egypt's journalists' union called for the dismissal of the interior minister and launched an openended sit-in at its headquarters in Cairo on Monday, protesting the detention of two journalists on its premises the previous night.

After an emergency meeting, the Journalist Syndicate also announced a general assembly to be held on Wednesday as well action on World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday.

Throughout the day, dozens gathered at the building's steps, chanting "journalists are not terrorists," and "the Interior Ministry are thugs." But most of the side streets were eventually cordoned off by police up to several blocks away, and by the end of the day entry to the area was heavily restricted.

The union described the police's entry into the building as a "raid by security forces whose blatant barbarism and aggression on the dignity of the press and journalists and their syndicate has surprised the journalistic community and the Egyptian people." Union members said the raid was heavy-handed, involving dozens of officers storming their way in and resulting in a security guard being injured.

Police denied they entered the building by force and said only eight officers were involved, acting on an arrest warrant for the two journalists accused of organ-



Egypt's journalists' syndicate called for the dismissal of the interior minister and an immediate sit-in at its headquarters in downtown Cairo on Monday. BRIAN ROHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

izing protests to destabilize the country. Demonstrations without prior authorization are banned in Egypt, and rallies in general are rarely allowed unless they are pro-government. Protesters are subject to arrest.

"The Ministry of Interior affirms that it did not raid the syndicate or use any kind of force in arresting the two, who turned themselves in as soon as they were told of the arrest warrant," the ministry said in a statement.

The two journalists, Amr Badr and Mahmoud el-Sakka, are government critics who work for a website known as January Gate, which is also critical of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government. They had begun their own mini sit-in at the union headquarters after discovering that police had searched their homes while looking for them.

Later in the day, the prosecutor general's office issued a statement saying the two journalists were arrested under an April 19 warrant and that "firearms, Molotov cocktails and inflammatory leaflets" were found during the searches of their homes.

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# Domestic flight prices flying low

# Yet carriers say third-party fees may outweigh cheap base cost

The average domestic airfare on major Canadian airlines remained at a six-year low in the third quarter of 2015, according to the latest figures from Statistics Canada, although that might come as a surprise to travellers.

In its report this week, the agency said a one-way domestic

flight cost on average \$175.70 before fees and taxes, down from \$187.60 a year earlier.

International fares edged up by just 60 cents, from \$340.60 to \$341.20.

Statistics Canada says the \$12 drop in domestic prices allowed Canada's overall rates to remain at their lowest levels in six years.

The figures are based on West-Jet, Air Transat and Air Canada and its subsidiaries.

But the total cost of a ticket still remains high, as airport improvement fees, fuel surcharges, security fees and other charges are constantly on the rise.

Marc-Andre O'Rourke, executive director of the Ottawa-based National Airlines Council of Canada, says those extra fees may keep consumers from seeing the low base-fare reflected in the total cost.

"All those fees, airlines have no control over; government and agencies adding their own fees to the airfare," he says.

O'Rourke, whose group represents Canada's major airlines, says carriers are doing what they can to keep ticket prices down but have little control over what consumers actually end up paying for a flight. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The \$12 price drop was calculated on figures from WestJet, Air Transat and Air Canada and its subsidiaries, TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

**TECHNOLOGY** 

# Bitcoin mystery may be solved

The mystery creator of the digital currency Bitcoin has finally stepped forward. Or has he?

Australian inventor Craig Steven Wright announced Monday that he is "Satoshi Nakamoto," the elusive, pseudonymous bitcoin founder.

In interviews with the Economist, BBC, GQ and a few Bitcoin insiders, bolstered by a technical demonstration intended to prove that he and Nakamoto are one and the same, Wright tried to lay to rest one of the biggest mysteries in the tech world.

While some bitcoin experts accept his demonstration as evidence that Wright is indeed Nakamoto, others argue that his supposed proof — a series of complex mathematical operations listed in a blog post doesn't prove anything.

Bitcoin allows people a way to make payments without using banks or national currencies such as the dollar or the euro. Because bitcoin transactions are unregulated and anonymous, the currency has proved popular among libertarians, tech enthusiasts, speculators and criminals. Nakamoto, who founded the currency in 2009, dropped out of sight in 2010, but bitcoin has mostly chugged along without him.

Knowing who actually founded bitcoin wouldn't have any immedi-

ate effect on the \$440M digital currency. But

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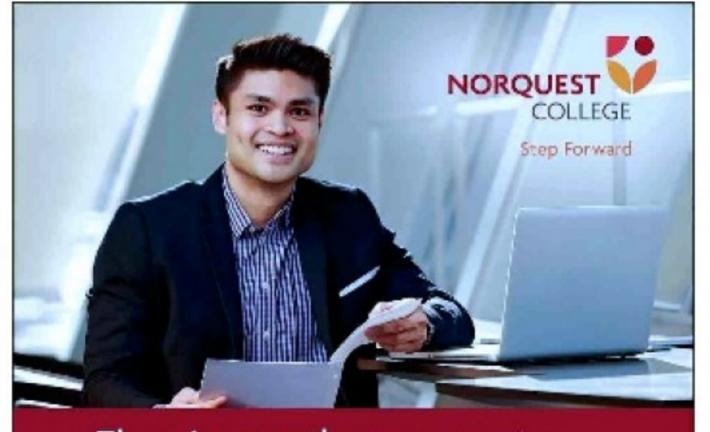
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Value of bitcoins the founder of **Bitcoin** is believed to possess.

to weigh in on a bitter technical dispute that threatens to hamper bitcoin's growth. And the real Nakamoto would be rich and able to disrupt bitcoin just by selling chunks of his holdings. Nakamoto possesses around 1 million bitcoins worth some \$440 million: those coins have never been touched.

Wright claims he has come forward because media speculation about his involvement with bitcoin has violated the privacy of his staff. He told the Economist that he wanted to "set the record straight," and in the BBC report he said that he isn't seeking fame or money and just wants to be left alone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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### IN BRIEF

#### Sino-Forest execs didn't deceive, lawyer tells OSC

A lawyer for four former Sino-Forest executives has told the Ontario Securities Commission his clients did not deceive anyone or avoid responsibility for their actions while they worked for the now-defunct forestry company.

Markus Koehnen, the lawyer representing Albert Ip, Alfred Hung, George Ho and Simon Yeung, began his closing

arguments Monday in the OSC case against five former Sino-Forest execs accused of perpetrating fraud before the firm collapsed in 2012.

The securities watchdog alleges the five men took part in "deceitful conduct" that included the fabrication of assets and revenue, undisclosed relationships with suppliers and customers and providing misleading documentation to support the compensate victims. alleged fraud. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### **British company apologizes** for products that killed

The firm Reckitt Benckiser has apologized to South Korea for selling disinfectants that killed or injured hundreds, five years after the government ordered the company to remove the products from shelves. Ataur Safdar, head of the company's Korean division, said the company accepts responsibility and will THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## COMPETITION

# **BCE** inks deal with Manitoba **Telecom**

BCE Inc. has signed a friendly deal valued at \$3.9 billion to buy Manitoba Telecom Services Inc., one of the few regional rivals to Canada's three main national telecommunications companies.

The agreement announced Monday would add Manitoba's largest phone, Internet and wireless company to BCE's Montrealbased business, which includes the CTV television network, the former Chum and Astral radio chains and Bell Canada.

"Under the terms of this transaction, MTS will achieve much more than it could have as an independent company," Manitoba Telecom president and CEO Jay Forbes said.

BCE has also agreed in principle to sell about one-third of Manitoba Telecom's monthly contract wireless customers and one-third of the MTS stores in Manitoba to Vancouver-based Telus Corp.

The deal requires approval from the Competition Bureau, the CRTC and the federal department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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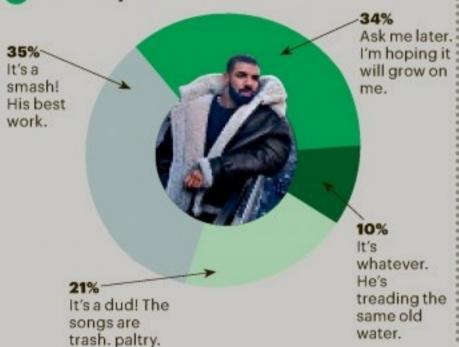
**METRO POLL** 

# What are your views on the new Drake?

## Dope 6ix god or homesick clod?

Late Thursday night, The 6 was, for once, the actual centre of the universe, as Drake's fourth official album, almost two years in the hyping, premiered on Apple Music. The release was a sensation on social media, but early reviews were mixed: Some critics said it was a triumph; others said it was dull, repetitive and ponderous. We asked Metro readers to weigh in. Here's what you told us.

## What do you think of the album overall?



### We asked you to rate each track. Here's how you voted (avg. score out of 5):

- 1. Hotline Bling (3.60)
- 2. One Dance (3.56)
- 3. Hype (3.38)
- 4. Pop Style (3.33) Weston Rd. Flows (3.33)
- 6. Controlla (3.28)
- 7. Feel No Ways (3.23)
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- 10. 9 (3.12)
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- 17. Too Good (2.97)
- 18. Faithful (2.89)
- 19. Fire & Desire (2.89)
- 20. Summer's Over (2.62)

#### WE ASKED Metro readers

This record is special. Why don't critics realize that the 'monotonous' effect is intentional?

Drake sucks. He isn't talented and his music is garbage.

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# Sales tax may be needed but I don't have to like it



The Alberta Advantage — the belief that our lack of a sales tax is our silver bullet - isn't advantageous for us right now, when oil fetches less per barrel than it did in the 1990s. And yet I'm conflicted.

Even though Finance Minister Joe Ceci and Premier Rachel Notley have squashed

sales tax talk, I suspect that's based on what's saleable to Albertans, not what's best for the province.

Fact is, our province has a revenue problem that a sales tax would help fix.

It's estimated each percentage point of sales tax would generate about \$1 billion in revenues. Since we're about \$10 billion in the red, and borrowing money to maintain essential services, a sales tax

is a logical solution.

Ergete Ferede, an associate professor of economics at MacEwan University, believes a sales tax is an important tool. "If we compare taxes, (a sales tax) is economically friendly compared to corporate or sales tax," he says. "A four per cent sales tax would bring in four billion dollars and would still be the lowest tax in the country."

That's a quick way to diversify revenue for the government versus the unstable current plan (looking at you, oilsands).

But still, I'm conflicted about a sales tax. For one, it's regressive, tied as it is to spending rather than income. People could see the rate of tax they pay increase (say, if they buy a lot of stuff) even if their earnings decrease.

Rebates can help ease the pain for the vulnerable, but waiting for a quarterly cheque can be difficult when you're

stretching dollars day-to-day.

Is that the only reason Alberta doesn't have a sales tax? No.

Thomas Lukaszuk, former MLA for Edmonton-Castledown, says there's never been political will to create a PST in Alberta. "Not having a sales tax was some kind of a badge of honour," he says of the previous Progressive Conservative government. Introducing one was a challenge to the identity of Albertans, he adds. "People thought we might as well say we are not rat free anymore."

Lukazuk says a PST is a "beautifully transparent tax," but acknowledges the public has trust issues on any new forms of taxation.

"There are rarely governments that come in, introduce a new tax and repeal an old one."

And that's likely what's behind the concern for Alberta. It's not too difficult to

imagine governments who have access to a PST to keep increasing it to cover expenses. Rather than reducing a department filled with executive directors and no staff, what's a one-percentage-point PST increase, right?

Statements by the Notley government hint they're planning to make PST an issue in the next election.

To avoid discussing a sales tax now is irresponsible. That said, the point of a sales tax should be to stabilize the government's revenue sources, rather than to fill coffers.

Either Albertans pay for the services we demand today or we leave the debt for the

It's just unfortunate that one of the most efficient fixes is regressive.

**Danielle Paradis** loves Edmonton, politics and flowcharts. She tweets @DaniParadis

# ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

# Survey says: We do, in fact, believe survivors - most of the time

It was announced with all but a flourish of applause: Two-thirds of Canadians believe the majority of sexual assault claims are true. (The (!) was silent.)

You can almost hear the Ghomeshi protesters still chanting, "We believe sur-

And if you recall those frenzied weeks, when some (I was one) truly thought a real or metaphorical beast of sexism might be slayed, you will remember that, yes, it was mostly women's voices. Outside the courthouse, and at the rally after the acquit-

Happily, in this new poll released yesterday by the Canadian Women's Foundation, men are better represented. But the numbers remain decidedly gendered. While 75 per cent of women believe most claims of sexual assault, only 59 per cent of men do. Men are also twice as likely to think sexual assault claims are false, though it's a merciful two per cent.

Men are more likely to say sexual assault is not very or not at all common, at 22 per cent. A whopping 93 per cent of women, on the other hand, say it's very or somewhat common. Men are more likely to say the issue is exaggerated by women's groups, and less likely to say sexual assault is the fault of the perpetrator. The poll also suggests men are less likely to believe that perpetrators (men) might feel entitled to

victims (women's) bodies.

I don't even need to extrapolate a probable cause for all this, because it's also right there in the data: Women are more likely to say sexual assault has touched their life or that of someone they know, and they are more likely to say sexual assault is underreported.

The Canadian Women's Foundation released the poll with praise for Canadians' willingness to believe survivors, but it also explains very clearly how unwilling many men remain.

It makes sense, though it's lazy, that someone wouldn't understand what they haven't experienced: namely, the sexualization of yourself in every facet of life, for men's and society's sake. Women, on the other hand, experience sexual assault like the weather.

This pervasiveness of both sexism and disbelief in sexism has given us such gems as the "attention-seeking" woman who risks personal and professional backlash in order to press sexual-assault charges, and Conservative MP Michelle Rempel, whose pedestrian, even mundane account of sexual harassment went viral, as if it were new, racy, or surprising.

This disbelief also feeds the need to celebrate any evidence of belief. But men, more than women, don't need applause: What they need is a little help getting this whole sexism thing.



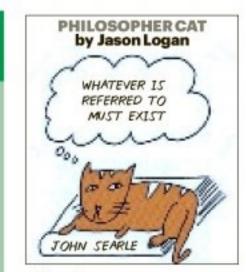
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BY THE NUMBERS

# Explaining the 1-minute workout

Busy people, listen up: What if you could push yourself to the max for just one minute and reap the benefits of a longer gym session? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



CONCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS The study was on the small side — just 25 participants — and didn't involve women, although Gibala says his team is working on parallel female research. Still, he says it's one of his most comprehensive studies to date, and innovative in its head-to-head comparison between small-dose sprint training and the traditional approach. Jonathan Little, an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia Okanagan's school of health and exercise science, praised the McMaster study, saying it's surpassing previous research. "No studies before have really looked at this very low time-efficient strategy for anything longer than six weeks," he says, isrock

A new Canadian study from McMaster University shows doing just 60 seconds of intense sprint intervals offers the same health benefits as 45 minutes of lessstrenuous continuous exercise - further reinforcing the benefits of trendy high-intensity interval training,

This is a reminder that even if you have 10 minutes in your day — on your lunch hour — you can get in a quality workout with intense exercise Martin Gibala, professor and chair of McMaster's department of kinesiology



The 12-week study focused on two groups of inactive men, with one group doing sprint interval training and the other doing continuous workouts three times a week on bicycles. Both groups improved cardiovascular fitness by nearly 20 per cent. But the interval-based group did 10 minutes for each session, broken into a two-minute warmup, a 20-second burst, a two-minute recovery, another 20-second burst, another two-minute recovery, a final 20-second burst, followed by a three-minute cool-down. Those three 20-second bursts totalled just one minute of intense exercise. In contrast, the second group did 50 minutes of continuous exercise for each session, with a 45-minute workout plus warm-up and cool-down time. That's a big difference in time commitment over a week: Just 30 minutes of exercise versus 150 minutes of exercise.

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# I tried to date local with the one-mile Tinder diet

ROMANCE

# When it comes to finding The One, efficiency has its pitfalls

#### Amber Shortt Torstar News Service

Dating is hard enough in the city without adding a commute.

After a long day at work, the last thing anyone wants to do is sacrifice crucial do-nothing time for being stuck hot and nervous on a streetcar trying to remember some anecdote about a place they went to in Italy that one time. Especially when the end result is almost always unsuccessful (It just takes one, so I keep being told).

And so after a couple years of singledom, I decided to rein in what had begun to feel like a long-running social experiment. I opened my dating app distance preferences and embarked on a One Mile Tinder Diet.

I'd read a New York Times article citing a 1932 study that found of 5,000 marriage licences issued in Philadelphia, one-third of the couples had lived in a five-block radius of one another before marrying, 1 in 6 in a one-block radius, and 1 in 8 at the exact same address.

I live in a pretty trendy area of downtown Toronto filled with many young(ish) eligible professionals like myself, and doesn't all the collective wisdom about online dating tell us too much choice is a bad thing?

And at first it seemed promising. Keeping it in the neighbourhood meant there'd always be time to bike home and re-tousle my helmet hair before heading out to a nearby and well-tested drinking establishment.

I could wear whatever shoes I wanted without my feet hurting.

And even if the boy next door wasn't Mr. Right or even Mr. I Just Live Right Over There, I'd be home in time to pick up wherever I left off on Netflix.

And that's exactly how it went, with the exception of one Tinder Tourist, who was swiping near my home when he really lived in the east end.

Then things actually became promising. One date with a cute guy became multiple dates, and I'd started to think I was a genius as we strolled to the park near our condos to share his homemade vanilla bean ice cream that didn't have a chance of melting along the way.

But it wasn't long before I came to see the drawbacks of my plan. While out one afternoon in a less-than-date-ready outfit, I passed him drinking with a friend on a patio and thought how awkward this would be should our romance end, as it did, not long after.

Now, I realize, a walk to the grocery store or liquor store comes with the chance of seeing a past suitor and seeing him on a date with someone else, and so I have to think about going to the supermarket a few blocks over or taking a long route to a different park, one that doesn't involve walking past any of the bars I think he might frequent.

And so I've recast my net a few more miles out. Because, really, avoiding a former flame is frustrating enough in this city, without adding a commute.



And even if the boy next door wasn't Mr. Right or even Mr. I Just Live Right Over There, I'd be home in time to pick up wherever I left off on Netflix



In search of love and convenience, Amber Shortt embarked on a one-mile Tinder experiment, only dating men in her neighbourhood. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Rookie Murray steals show to give Pens edge

**NHL PLAYOFFS** 

# Pittsburgh has 2-1 series lead but Letang may face suspension

The Pittsburgh Penguins scored a big Game 3 victory that may also come with a heavy cost.

Rookie goaltender Matt Murray shined in a 3-2 win over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night, which gave the Penguins a 2-1 series lead, but it was the potential loss of defenceman Kris Letang that almost overshadowed the end result. Letang delivered an elbow to the head of Capitals winger Marcus Johansson in the first period, a play that will surely catch the eye of the league's disciplinary office.

Patric Hornqvist, Tom Kuhnhackl and Carl Hagelin all beat Washington goaltender Braden Holtby in the Penguins win, the 26-year-old Vezina trophy candidate enduring his worst night of the post-season. He surrendered three goals on only 23 shots.

Murray made 47 saves to improve to 6-1 in the post-season. Alex Ovechkin and Justin Williams both scored in a furious Capitals comeback that fell short.

Hornqvist's fourth goal of the playoffs opened the scoring in a raucous atmosphere at Consol



Penguins goalie Matt Murray makes a save on T.J. Oshie of the Capitals in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series. JUSTIN K ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

Energy Centre.

The play started when a Sidney Crosby scoring chance was blocked in the slot, the puck floating high in the air before it was retrieved by Conor Sheary the rookie winger. Sheary dished to Trevor Daley at the point, the veteran defender winding up for a blast that Hornqvist got a stick on.

It was the first goal and point

of the series for the Penguins winger, who had five points in the first round against New York. Pittsburgh scored again exactly one minute later, another rookie making a contribution on the goal.

Kuhnhackl, a 24-year-old first-year player from Germany, drove down the middle of the ice to the front of the net where Matt Cullen's passing attempt pinged off Washington defender Matt Niskanen and then off him and in behind Holtby.

The animosity between the clubs heightened late in the first period when Letang drilled Johansson. The 29 year old, averaging almost 30 minutes a game in the playoffs, caught the Swedish winger with an elbow to the head area just after Johansson released a pass as he entered

GAME 3 In Pittsburgh



the offensive zone.

Murray held the Capitals at bay as the Penguins mostly stood still on their lead. The 21-year-old, who continues to fill in for injured No. 1 Marc-Andre Fleury, shut down a Johansson chance early in the second period, blocking every possible angle a bit later on a blocker stop of Capitals centre Mike Richards.

Pittsburgh increased its lead to three with five minutes to go in the second on the fourth point of the series from Hagelin. The Swedish winger capitalized on a pair of pretty passes.

Ovechkin hit back for the Capitals and was the first to beat Murray, scoring about eight minutes into the period. He was joined by Williams with 54 seconds left in regulation, the playoff veteran depositing a rebound off an Ovechkin shot that hit the post.

The series continues with Game 4 on Wednesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



#### Raps vs. Heat predictions

Storylines will emerge as the Toronto Raptors and Miami Heat get into their NBA Eastern Conference semifinal that begins Tuesday night at the Air Canada Centre.

Going in, though, here are some predictions:

### Raptors will win if ...

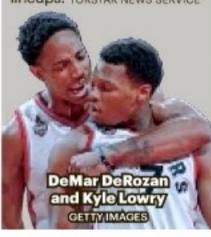
They ratchet up defence: Miami isn't the greatest shooting team all around and if the Raptors can limit the open looks, there will be long stretches of games where the Heat simply struggle to score.

#### Heat will win if ...

Whiteside runs wild: Hassan Whiteside can be a beast of a rim protector he had a Miami playoff series record 24 blocked shots against Charlotte and if they can get that kind of play from him it takes away the ability of the Raptors guards to get to the rim and finish.

## What will happen ...

It has all the makings of an even series, there are lots of similarities between the teams. There's going to be a lot of small ball played and some unconventional lineups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



# Eskimos trade Coleman to Riders

The Saskatchewan Roughriders acquired the rights to offensive lineman Thaddeus Coleman from the Edmonton Eskimos on Monday in exchange for two players from the team's negotiation list.

Coleman played in one game last season for the Eskimos. He made two appearances in 2014 and played in 18 games in 2013. The six-foot-eight 320-pound native of Waukegan, Ill., won his first career Grey Cup last season.

Later Monday, the Eskimos



Thaddeus Coleman, top, in action for the Esks. GETTY IMAGES

signed offensive lineman Joel Figueroa. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## **NHL IN BRIEF**

#### McDavid, Panarin among Calder trophy finalists

Edmonton forward Connor McDavid, Philadelphia defenceman Shayne Gostisbehere and Chicago forward Artemi Panarin were named the Calder Trophy finalists on Monday.

The Calder Trophy is awarded to the NHL's best rookie player, McDavid, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 NHL draft, ranked fourth among rookies with 16 goals and 32 assists in only 45 games for the Oilers due to injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Rangers agree to deal with backup goalie Antti Raanta

The New York Rangers have agreed to a deal with backup goalie Antti Raanta.

The 26-year-old Raanta appeared in 25 games with the Rangers this season after being acquired from the Chicago Blackhawks in June. He had an 11-6-2 record, with a 2.24 goalsagainst average, a .919 save percentage and a shutout playing behind Henrik Lundqvist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **NBA PLAYOFFS**

# LeBron, Cavs hold off Hawks comeback



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LeBron James scored 25 points, Kyrie Irving added 21 and the Cleveland Cavaliers withstood a strong comeback by Atlanta to maintain their chokehold on the Hawks with a 104-93 victory on Monday night in the opening game of their second-round Eastern Confer-

James converted a critical three-point play with 2:09 left for the Cavs, who fell behind in the fourth after leading by 18.

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# **RECIPE Cobb Salad**



#### Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

This diner classic really deserves a place in your home as well. More of an assembly job than anything else, this healthy dinner comes together quickly.

Prep time: 30 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

#### Ingredients

- · 6 bacon slices
- · 1 head of romaine, thinly sliced
- 4 oz feta, crumbled
- · 1 avocado, diced
- 2 tomatoes, diced 2 chicken breasts
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- · 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

#### Directions

- 1. Whisk together garlic, thyme, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper. Place chicken in a shallow bowl and cover in marinade. Cover in cling film and place in the fridge for 10 to 30 minutes.
- Sautee bacon until crisp. Drain on a paper towel. Cut or crumble into pieces
- 3. Grill chicken on top rack of oven at 475 degrees until cooked, about 5 minutes a side depending on the thickness. Allow meat to rest a few minutes and then slice across the breasts to make thin strips.
- Arrange lettuce on a large platter. Now layer your ingredients in stripes across the lettuce. Serve with the salad dressing of your choice.

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# **\* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 The Moon in your sign today makes you more emotional than usual. Therefore, guard against power struggles with authority figures. (You have been warned.)

Taurus April 21 - May 21 You might feel disgruntled about something today. Things are not flowing as well as you'd hoped. Just cruise for a while, because this is short-lived and tomorrow is a lovely day.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Avoid power struggles with friends or groups today, because you will only regret it. You know that you love to have an adoring peanut gallery. Let's keep it that way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 A power struggle with an authority figure is likely today; however, you can avoid this. Demonstrate grace under pressure. Wait until tomorrow, which is a smooth day.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23 Steer clear of controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because power struggles are likely. Mum's the word.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Arguments about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances are likely today. Therefore, don't even go there. Wait until tomorrow, which is a fine day.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Be patient with partners and close friends today to avoid family conflicts. You like to debate, but you don't like harsh conflict. Just coast until tomorrow, which is an easy day.

III Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Do not try to persuade co-workers to agree with you today. Do not try to impose your ideas for improvements at work. Just let things simmer, because tomorrow is the day to do this.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Parents need to know to avoid power struggles with their kids today. Why do this? It only makes everyone miserable. Wait a day to address any important issue, because tomorrow is just fine.

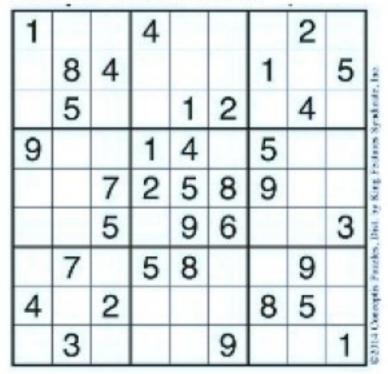
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Ego battles with family members might take place today. (You need this like a fish needs a bicycle.) If there's something important to say, wait until tomorrow.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 If you need to convince others today, you will do so; however, you might be ruthless. If you want to convince someone and leave the person smiling, wait until tomorrow.

Feb. 20 - March 20 You might feel obsessed about buying something today. "I must have it!" Best to postpone financial negotiations until tomorrow.

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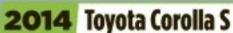




















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